

## 3.0 SCOPING COMMENTS

The I-215 and 5400 South team will continue to solicit and gather public comments about the project through the website, comment line and e-mail throughout the study. All comments received during the public scoping period from April 7 through May 7 are included in **Appendix D: Scoping Comments**.

Each comment was categorized according to the following topics: purpose and need, alternatives, design features, ancillary features, traffic operations, community impacts, air quality, noise, traffic impacts, visual quality, economic impacts and hazardous materials. A single comment may have included several topics. Comments are numbered in the order they were received with an “S” at the beginning for comments received during the scoping period.

### 3.1 SCOPING COMMENTS SUMMARY

The study team received 69 comments during the scoping period, 67 comments from the public and two formal comments from agencies. Within the comments are several common themes.

One primary theme is that stakeholders perceive that UDOT has already proposed to build an interchange at I-215 and 5400 South. Of the 45 comments that assumed a proposed interchange, 34 opposed the idea and 11 supported it. Many of the stakeholders are concerned that an interchange would create more traffic, displace homes, decrease property values and be less safe for pedestrians and bikers. Many Harvey Heights residents are concerned about loss of access to their homes if an interchange is built. They also say the 4700 South and Redwood Road interchanges on I-215 would be too close if an interchange is built at 5400 South. Many of those who support building an interchange say it is overdue and that it will improve the traffic situation.

Another theme is that many stakeholders don’t understand how new transportation improvements would fit with the other projects already under construction in and near the study area. Some ask why more improvements are needed.

While most comments acknowledge that traffic flow is a problem in the study area, many infer that the 5400 South area carries the burden of east-west traffic and ask why UDOT couldn’t build improvements in another area. Fewer, but some, say the traffic in the area is not that bad and improvements are not needed.

**TABLE 3.1.2 SCOPING COMMENT CATEGORIES**

CATEGORY	NUMBER OF COMMENTS	COMMENT NUMBERS
Purpose and Need	27	S004, S011, S012, S013, S014, S015, S016, S017, S018, S023, S025, S027, S028, S033, S037, S040, S041, S048, S049, S050, S052, S053, S056, S058, S061, S062, S063
Alternatives	26	S001, S003, S004, S005, S008, S009, S010, S013, S015, S016, S017, S018, S021, S022, S024, S027, S034, S039, S047, S050, S052, S054, S055, S059, S064, S067
Design Features	5	S002, S004, S008, S009, S034
Ancillary Features	4	S002, S003, S043, S046
Traffic Operations	33	S004, S005, S013, S014, S015, S016, S018, S019, S020, S024, S025, S026, S027, S035, S037, S038, S041, S043, S044, S047, S048, S049, S051, S052, S053, S056, S057, S062, S063, S064, S065, S066, S067
Community Impacts	25	S006, S007, S010, S012, S014, S016, S019, S021, S022, S026, S027, S030, S035, S036, S045, S048, S051, S055, S056, S057, S058, S061, S062, S064, S066
Air Quality	7	S006, S007, S010, S014, S016, S022, S069
Noise	8	S006, S007, S010, S014, S016, S022, S036, S057
Traffic Impacts	24	S001, S002, S003, S004, S005, S006, S010, S012, S014, S016, S018, S019, S020, S027, S035, S037, S038, S041, S051, S056, S057, S058, S064, S067
Visual Quality	3	S007, S014, S030
Economic Impacts	4	S007, S014, S025, S035
Hazardous Materials	1	S068
Indirect Impacts	1	S014